



Northern Great Plains Network

Inventory and Monitoring Monthly Report

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Data Manager Position: Joel Brumm is now on board. For the near future he will be collecting and synthesizing the spatial data I and others need for Phase I of the Vital Signs monitoring plan. His email is joel_brumm@nps.gov. He will share a phone with Marcia (605 574-3143) until we can get another line in our office.

Web Page: Erin Handberg now has the beginning of the NGPN I&M web page up. It can be viewed at <http://www1.nature.nps.gov/im/units/ngpn/index.htm>.

Vegetation Monitoring: Amy Symstad has completed an interim draft of vegetation monitoring in the Network. She will now shift her focus to her research projects at Wind Cave, Mt. Rushmore, and Scotts Bluff. Her efforts to date have been tremendous and have really jump started our Vital Signs planning efforts.

Aquatic Monitoring: Nels Troelstrup and/or Jill Rust will be visiting parks in March or April to discuss water resources with park staff (a more detailed discussion than the general scoping workshops I've held with each park). As of March 1 their itinerary is:

PARK	DATE	APPROX. TIME	LOCATION
AGFO	3-11-04	8:00AM	AT PARK
BADL	3-8-04	11:00AM	AT PARK
DETO	3-19-04	10:00AM	AT PARK
FOLA	3-20-04	2:30PM	AT PARK
FOUS	NA*	NA*	NA*
JECA	3-10-04	8:00AM	AT PARK
KNRI	NA*	NA*	NA*
MNRR	3-22-04	10:00AM	LEWIS & CLARK V. CENTER
MORU	3-10-04	1:00PM	AT PARK
NIOB	3-12-04	10:00AM	O'NEIL HDQTS
SCBL	3-11-04	1:00PM	AT PARK
WICA	3-9-04	9:00AM	AT PARK

* NOT AVAILABLE AS OF 2-27-04 BECAUSE MEETING TIME NOT SET UP

This first visit will primarily be an office visit with the Technical Committee representative from the park and whoever else is interested. In late-April and May they will revisit the parks to identify field sites for conducting bioassessments. The actual bioassessments will take place in the summer and will likely consist of several visits.

Permits and Investigators Annual Reports: Marcia has been working hard to make sure that all of the investigators funded through the I&M Program have permits and that they have submitted annual reports. She may need to contact parks to process some actions.